CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : Recognition of certain Medical Colleges in the State and matter connected with

SRI H. D. DEVE GOWDA.—Madam Speaker, I would like to call the attention of the Minister for Health to the growing uncertainty in the minds of the students of Medical Colleges and their parents in regard to the question of recognition of certain Medical Colleges in the State and to the reduction in the number of seats including the capitation fee seats.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—Madam Speaker, there is also another Calling Attention Notice by the hon. Member, Sri M. H. Jayaprakash Narayan. I think I will be answering both.

Honourable Members are aware that during the session in March this year this House was deeply concerned over certain News paper reports of a proposal of the Medical Council of India to derecognise some of the Medical Colleges in our State I made a brief statement on the floor of this House on the 18th March, 1974 when News paper reports had just appeared and when there was no official communication in this regard either from the Medical Council of India or from the Government of India I had assured this House that according to the provisions of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 no unilateral decision could be taken either by the Medical Council of India or by the Central Government in such matters and that the State Government would do everything necessary to safeguard the interests of the students of the Colleges concerned and also to maintain the prescribed standard and secure recognition I wish to inform the House to-day of the further developments in this matter.

The anticipated communication from the Government of India was received on the 23rd April 1974 along with the Medical Council of India's report recommending to the Government of India that the recognition of the M.B.B.S degree of the following six Medical Colleges be withdrawn under section 19 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 ;—

1. Kasturba Medical College, Manipal/Mangalore
2. Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore
3. M. R. Medical College, Gulbarga
4. J. N. Medical College, Belgaum
5. J. J. M, Medical College, Davanagere
6. Government Medical College, Bellary.

This recommendation was made by the Medical Council of India for two reasons namely.

(i) these 6 Medical Colleges have admitted students at more than one level i. e.. to the P. P. C. and the First M.B.B.S. class simultaneously,

(ii) that the number of admissions to the I MBBS class during the year 1973-74 is almost double the number fixed by the Medical Council of India

The Government of India requested the State Government to forward its comments to the Government of India immediately. Accordingly the explanations of the Universities and the Colleges concerned were obtained and forwarded to the Govt of India with comments of the State Government. The State Government made it clear to the Government of India that of the two allegations made by the Medical Council of India against the six Medical Colleges, the first one is absolutely untrue ie., the allegation that students were admitted at more than one level (P. P. C. and First M. B. B. S).

In regard to the second allegation that the no. of admissions to I MBBS during 1973-74 is almost double the number fixed by the Medical Council of India, the correct position was explained to the Government of India as follows :

In our State the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 were transitional year in respect of students entering Professional Colleges. The erstwhile one-year Pre-University course in the entire State was converted into a two years course in the year 1971-72, as a result of which the Pre Professional Course in Medical Colleges had to be abolished two years later, i e., from the academic year 1973-74 To obviate over-crowding in the fiirst MBBS class in in the transitional period, the Government instructed the Medical Colleges concerned in the year 1972, to stagger admissions in such a way as to avoid overcrowding in the I MBBS class in 1973 74. But the student community was agitated over the threat of cutting down admissions to Medical Colleges and consequently the Government permitted 75% of the admission strength to be filled. The Government again ordered in May 1973 that no Medical College in the State should admit more than 100 students during the year 1973-74.

Inspite of these measures during the year 1973-74 there was over crowding in the I MBBS class due to the passing of the P. P. C. students admitted in the previous year and the direct admission of the fresh batch of students into the first MBBS. This unusual happening is neither a permanent nor a recurring feature but only a transient problem during that year in all our Medical Colleges owing to the change-over from the one-year P. U C. to the Two-year P U. C.

In the circumstances, the State Government requested the Government of India to appreciate the peculiar situation that arose in Karanataka State during the year 1973-74 which will not arise again and assured the Government of India that the ceiling on admissions fixed

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by the Medical Council of India can be strictly adhered to from the academic year 1974-75 onwards and requested the Government of India to recognise all these Colleges. The State Government also assured the Government of India that if they were to send an impartial team of experts to inspect these six Colleges at this stage and suggest remedial measures, the State Government would welcome such a step and ensure that any suggestions that the team may make will be implemented-.

Thereupon the Government of India appointed a team of experts to inspect these Colleges and report to the Central Government. That team inspected all the six Medical Colleges in July 1974 and submitted their report to the Government of India. Thereafter, I had discussions with the Union Minister for Health and I have been able to convince him that the State Government have taken all steps to maintain the standrds prescribed and that whatever further measures the Government of India advise us to take, with a view to overcome the unusual situation created during 1973-74, will be promptly taken.

The final decision of the Government of India has been recently communicated to me at New Delhi on the 9th instant. I am happy to inform this House that all the Medical Colleges in the State have now been recognised.

In the light of the decisions of the Government of India the annual intake of students in these Colleges from the year 1974 onwards has been reduced by 1/3rd from the strength recommended by the Medical Council of India till such time as the number of students admitted in excess is fully adjusted or additional facilities are provided in these Colleges warranting a review by the Medical Council of India. However, I am assured by the Government of India that a Team will be sent very early to inspect all the Medical Colleges once again and make a realistic appraisal of the entire situation with regard to the fixation of number of seats in each Medical College taking into account the bed-strength, clinical and other facilities available. The number of admissions will therefore be as follows ;—

Colleges	Normal admission strength fixed by the Med. Council of India	Admissions as now fixed by the Govt. of India
1. Bangalore Medical College	150	100
2. Kasturba Medical College, Manipal/Mangalore	150	100
3. J. N. Medical College, Belgaum	110	73
4. M.R. Medical College, Gulbarga	100	67
5. Medical College. Bellary	80	53
6. J. J. M. Medical College, Davanagere	75	50

The State Government will abide by the decisions of the Government of India in this matter as the Government of India is the final authority and will strictly enforce the ceiling on annual admissions now fixed, so that all our Medical Colleges may continue to enjoy recognition.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಅಡ್ಮಿಷನ್ ಅನ್ನು ಅಡ್ಜಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುವವರೆಗೆ ಈ ಒಂದು ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ಪರಿಪಾಲನೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತಾವು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಈ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ನಾನು ತಮ್ಮಿಂದ ತಿಳಿಯಬಯಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟೆಷ್ಟು ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಅಡ್ಮಿಷನ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ಯಾಪಿಟೇಷನ್ ಫೀಸ್‌ನಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅಡ್ಮಿಷನ್ ಆಗಿದೆ ಅದರ ವಿವರಣೆ ಕೊಡಿ.

ಎರಡನೆಯದಾಗಿ ಪಿ.ಯು.ಸಿ. ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷ ಇದ್ದ ಕೋರ್ಸನ್ನು ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಒಂದು ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಆಯಿತು ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ಒಂದು ಕಾರಣ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಕೇಳುವುದು ಏನೆಂದರೆ ಅದರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅಡ್ಮಿಷನ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ಯಾಪಿಟೇಷನ್ ಫೀಸ್‌ನಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅಡ್ಮಿಷನ್ ಆಗಿದೆ, ಅದರ ವಿವರಣೆ ಕೊಡಿ.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—If you want all those details as to the admissions made last year, I will give those details.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Re: reported speech of the Chief Minister at Bijapur.

(*i*) *On the conversion of black money into white money.*

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ (ಸೋರಬ).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನಾನು ಒಂದು ನಿಲುವಳಿ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಅದು ಯಾವ ವಿಷಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಸುಮಾರು ಒಂದು ವಾರದ ಹಿಂದೆ ಬಿಜಾಪುರದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಭಾಷಣ ಮಾಡಿದರು, ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಒಂದು ಕ್ಲಿಷ್ಟ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಭಾಷಣ ಮಾಡಿದರು, ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ನಿಲುವಳಿ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೆ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದು ನಿಲುವಳಿ ಸೂಚನೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ? ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಅದು ನಿಲುವಳಿ ಸೂಚನೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತಾವು ಕೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಅದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಅಭ್ಯಂತರವೇನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಸುಮಾರು ನಾಲ್ಕುನೂರು ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಕರೆನ್ಸಿ ನೋಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಿಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಇನ್‌ಫ್ಲೇಷನ್ ಮತ್ತು ರೈಸ್ ಆಫ್ ಪ್ರೈಸ್ ಜೆಕ್ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಮನಿ ವೈಟ್ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿರತಕ್ಕ ಮಾತಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಬ್ಬ ಪಾರ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟ್ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಎಸ್. ಬಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲರೂ ಕೂಡ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರೂ ಕೂಡ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ನೀತಿಯೇನು.....

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ನಾನು ಇದು ನಿಲುವಳಿ ಸೂಚನೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಪುನಃ ತಾವು ಒಂದೇ ಸಮನೆ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ .....